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### RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

The following is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 9, 2004 in connection with the above-referenced application.

The Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this response is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. The Applicants, however, conditionally petition for a further extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below, charge Deposit Account **04-1105** for any required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:







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of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985 (1061 O.G. 34-35).

NOTE: See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.645 for extensions of time in interference proceedings, and 37 C.F.R. Section 1.550(c) for extensions of time in reexamination proceedings.

3.	The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.13						
	apply.						

(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a)	[]	Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(a)(1)-(4)) for the total number of months checked
	·	below:

[] [] []	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity \$ 55.00	
	one months two months three months four months	\$ 110.00 \$ 420.00 \$ 950.00 \$ 1,480.00	\$ 210.00 \$ 475.00 \$ 740.00	

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If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for \_\_

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

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		Extension fee due with this request \$
		OR
(b)	[X]	Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently

overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

### FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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- \* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "O" in Col. 3,
- \*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20".
- \*\*\* If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3".

  The "Highest No. Previously Paid For" (Total or Indep.) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

**WARNING**:

"After final rejection or action (Section 1.113) amendments may be made canceling claims or complying with any requirement of form which has been made." 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116(a) (emphasis added).

(complete (c) or (d), as applicable)

(c) [X] No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

(d) [ ] Total additional fee for claims required \$

### **FEE PAYMENT**

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## FEE DEFICIENCY

NOTE: If there is a fee deficiency and there is no authorization to charge an account, additional fees are necessary to cover the additional time consumed in making up the original deficiency. If the maximum, six-month period has expired before the deficiency is noted and corrected, the application is held abandoned. In those instances where authorization to charge is included, processing delays are encountered in returning the papers to the PTO Finance Branch in order to apply these charges prior to action on the cases. Authorization to charge the deposit account for any fee deficiency should be checked. See the Notice of April 7, 1986, (1065 O.G. 31-33).

6. [X] If any additional extension and/or fee is required, charge Account No. <u>04-1105</u>.

### AND/OR

[X] If any additional fee for claims is required, charge Account No. 04-1105.

Respectfully submitted

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